Title: Regarding restrictions on use of land in the Coastal Areas Regulation Zone.

SHRI A.C. JOS (TRICHUR): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I am raising a very important issue of national importance. India has got a coastal area of 7,560 kilometres. Almost all the States, like Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa etc., and some Islands like yours, have coastal areas. ...(*Interruptions*) I am on my legs.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Pappu Yadav, you have already made your point....(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Pappu Yadav, please resume your seat....(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.*(Interruptions) â€¦**

SHRI A.C. JOS : If he continues like this, how can anybody speak? How can he interrupt other Members like this? ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record....*(Interruptions) â€¦**

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shri Govindan, you had our say. Please take your seat....(*Interruptions*)

SHRI A.C. JOS : The Ministry of Environment and Forests, by a Notification issued on 19.2.1991, enforced severe restrictions on land use in the coastal areas regulation zone along with the entire coastal line as well as the estuaries and backwaters. These restrictions have severely affected the economic development of the country, especially that of the coastal areas. The coastal area as also the demography of each State is different from the other in this country.

Sir, you know, that Kerala is a very densely-populated area. Tamil Nadu has also got enough coastal area. Andhra Pradesh has got a lot of fishing areas along the coastal line. The point is that the Notification is uniformly applicable to everybody with the result that all the activities in the coastal area of this country have come to a grinding halt. Finally, the Government appointed a Committee. The Committee reported something. But the Committee has not taken any opinion from experts or anything. That report is also not properly looked into. Many State Governments have conveyed their reservations about the report of that Committee and about all these things. But this Government is not at all moving. The erstwhile Minister, Shri Suresh Prabhu, called a meeting of all the Members of Parliament of the coastal areas. He discussed it. But he was shifted to some other Ministry. So, I would request the present hon. Minister of Environment and Forests to call a meeting of the Ministers of the State concerned, where coastal area is there, to discuss it and take a final decision about it. ...(*Interruptions*) The hon. Deputy-Speaker also should be invited to attend the meeting. A final decision has to be taken....(*Interruptions*)

* Not Recorded

SHRI E. AHAMED (MANJERI): Sir, we all support it. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: You may associate with it.